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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY.

Armistice Terms Agreed To.

London, December 16.
According to a message from Petrograd, the Bolshevik Agency states, under date of the 16th instant, that Russia and Germany have agreed on terms for an armistice.

A Concession of Little Value.

London, December 16.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says the Secretary of the Maximalist armistice plenipotentiaries telegraphs that the enemy delegates have agreed to discontinue the arrangements for transferring more troops from the Eastern to the Western Front. Over-much importance is not attached to this step, as the enemy has probably completed the desired arrangements.

Armistice to Last Till January 14.

London, December 16.
A German official wireless message states:—The armistice signed at Brest-Litovsk yesterday begins on December 17 and ends on January 14, unless a week's notice is given. It continues automatically and extends to all land, air and naval forces of common front. Peace negotiations will begin immediately.

Military Operations to Cease.

London, December 16.
A Russian official wireless message states that General Krylenko has issued a proclamation that an Armistice Treaty has been signed and that it is proposed to cease all military operations until the full text is received.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

Reported Escape of the Ex-Tsar.

London, December 16.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, writing on December 15, says that a meeting of the familarly and Petrogradsky Regiments resolved on the immediate removal of the ex-Tsar "with Alice and family" to Kronstadt or the St. Peter and St. Paul fortress and the cancellation of all privileges. While the meeting was in progress a report was circulated that the ex-Tsar had escaped. The report is not confirmed.

Some Rowdy Happenings.

London, December 16.
Meetings of most of the units in Petrograd Garrison aided with the People's Commissioners and Soviet against the Constituent Assembly in its present form. Attempts of members of the Constituent Assembly to meet at Taurida Palace have been abandoned since the sailors expelled them. Red Guards broke up a meeting of the Union Defence and Constituent Assembly. Forty arrests were made. There were uproarious scenes at the Peasants Congress between supporters and opponents of the Constituent Assembly. The demolition of wine stores in Petrograd continues, accompanied by orgies and considerable shooting.

No State Religion.

London, December 16.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says the People's Commissioners are shortly issuing a Decree separating the Church from the State and providing for the confiscation of Church lands and the surrender by the ecclesiastical of rich canonicals and ornaments, also the abolition of the clergy's privileges.

GERMANY'S PEACE OVERTURE.

The Allies' Unavailing Efforts.

London, December 16.
Lord Robert Cecil has informed Reuter that what purports to be the German reply to Mr. Balfour's statement in Parliament, regarding the German peace overture in September, is quite untrue. Following the lead of President Wilson, Great Britain has been continually endeavouring to discover what are Germany's war aims and has repeatedly endeavoured to get this information by means of Ministerial speeches, but, up to the present, have been unsuccessful. It is, however, utterly untrue to suggest that any private enquiries have been addressed to the enemy with the knowledge of the British Government.

AFTER THE WAR.

German Alarms Regarding Raw Materials.

London, December 16.
There is evidence that Germany is becoming seriously alarmed at the prospect of not obtaining raw materials after the war, for which she admits her dependence on foreign countries, particularly England. The Essen paper *Lokal Anzeiger* threatens the non-withdrawal of U-boats.

Admiral von Tirpitz, speaking in Berlin, declared that conditions would be imposed guaranteeing the now lacking raw materials.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, Admiral von Tirpitz, speaking at Hamburg, reiterated that Great Britain had at present won rather than lost; therefore, a peace based on the status quo ante bellum was out of the question. Another factor for consideration was the core building of the Channel Tunnel after the war. He expressed his continued confidence in submarine warfare.

Speaking in Berlin, Admiral von Tirpitz said Germany must retain Flanders, Antwerp, Ostend, Zeebrugge and certain French territory, and also take Calais and Boulogne. He said America was their deadliest enemy, despite the tonnage scarcity.

GENERAL ALLENBY DECORATED.

London, December 16.
General Allenby has been decorated with the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

BRITISH AERIAL MISHAPS.

London, December 16.
The Admiralty announces that a British airship of the non-rigid type, with a crew of five, which proceeded on patrol on December 11 from an East Coast base, has not returned and it is believed that it has been destroyed by a hostile aeroplane in the southern part of the North Sea. A second airship of a similar type was forced to descend in Holland on December 12 owing to the failure of the engine.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

FURTHER PROGRESS IN PALESTINE.

Advance on Five-Mile Front.

London, December 16.
A Palestine official message states:—We further extended our line north-east of Jerusalem and took 140 prisoners.

London, December 16.
A Palestine semi-official message says:—We advanced on the left and centre yesterday north-east of Ludd, on a five mile front, to a maximum depth of one mile and a half. There was little opposition. We occupied Kibbiyah, Ahiabneh, Kheibornat and the ridge overlooking El Tereb. Our aeroplanes dropped fifty-six bombs on motor-boat sheds and troops at the mouth of the Jordan, with good effect. There were twenty-four hits.

THE FIGHTING IN ITALY.

Fierce Battle Continues.

London, December 16.
An Italian official message states:—The battle between the Brenza and the Piave continues fiercely. The enemy launched a mass attack yesterday afternoon. Our counter-offensive, aiming at lightening the pressure, twice reached the summit of Monte Pertica. The enemy thrust was most violent at Col Caprile and south of Col Dellaberetta. Our counter-attack completely repulsed the assault with heavy losses. The enemy re-attacked to reach Col Caprile, but we firmly held the positions a little to the rear. We twice repulsed strong attacks at the head of the Monte Solarolo salient.

A German Claim.

London, December 16.
A German wireless official message states:—We have taken three thousand prisoners during the last few days between the Brenza and the Piave.

Flooded Country.

London, December 16.
Reuter's correspondent with the French Army in Italy, describing the artillery defence of the belt of Venice, which is entirely a naval affair, states:—A vast stretch of country bounded by the Adige and Piave has been flooded in order to check the Austrians. The enemy can never pass. High-banked roads and farm houses alone remain above the water. Some of these farm houses are held by Austrians and others by Italians, and each seeks to destroy enemy-held farms. The awful desolation in Flanders is alone comparable to the dismalness of this wintry battlefield. The Italians have a formidable array of artillery, which is superior to that of the Austrians, on this part of the front. The Italians have floating batteries which they work hard during the nights, frustrating the enemy's attempt to construct field works and lay bridges of boats across the Piave. The correspondent says the Austrians at Venice have been broken up and the historic buildings sandbagged. So far, only slight aeroplane bomb damage has been done. Most of the shops are closed, while the gondolas have vanished. Only a thousand out of 150,000 Venetians remain.

A German Story.

London, December 16.
A German official wireless message states:—The Austrians stormed positions south of Col Caprile, taking several hundred prisoners.

THE FIGHTING IN FRANCE.

More Local Operations.

London, December 17.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in a communique, states:—We completely repulsed a local attack last night east of Baillecourt. We successfully raided north of Baillecourt this afternoon, destroying dug-outs and capturing prisoners. Portuguese troops elsewhere took a few prisoners in patrol encounters. The local fighting in the neighbourhood of the Polderhoek Chateau presents an unchanged situation. There is considerable hostile artillery firing in the neighbourhood of Hargicourt and Flequières, between Gavrelle and Lens, and also at Paschendaale.

German Prisoners Captured.

London, December 16.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We captured prisoners and a machine-gun during night patrol encounters south of Cambrai.

German Attack Repulsed.

London, December 16.
A Paris communique states:—A German attack was repulsed at Chateau Wood. The assailants were dispersed by French fire.

The French Front.

London, December 16.
A French communique states:—There is fairly great reciprocal artillery activity between the Aisne and the Oise, on the right bank of the Meuse, notably in the section of Les Chambrayes. An attack in Champagne west of Mont Cornillet broke down. Five German aeroplanes were brought down and three others crashed to the earth.

A German Report.

London, December 16.
A German official wireless message states:—We advanced our lines to the park at Polderhoek Chateau. English attacks at Monchy and Baillecourt failed.

BRITISH DESTROYER SUNK.

London, December 16.
An Admiralty announcement states that a British destroyer was sunk on December 12 after a collision. Two men are missing.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

AIR REPRISALS.

London, December 15.
Lord Bothermer speaking at a banquet to Mr. Lloyd George said: We are wholeheartedly in favour of air reprisals to avenge the murder of innocent women and children. We shall strive for a complete and satisfying retaliation. Our output of machines had increased most satisfactorily and at the present rate of progress it will not be long before the criticisms of the Air Ministry were silenced.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

The Man Power Question.

London, December 15.
Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters states:—The quiet continues on the Cambrai front, although the dry, clear and cold weather favours active operations. Referring to the transfer of German troops from the eastern front the correspondent points out, firstly that the Germans have not been sending their best troops to the eastern front for long time, secondly, they have been freely milking the eastern front for the western front, and thirdly, the moral of the eastern front men is probably not unaffected by fraternisation and the absence of fighting. Hence it is questionable if the fighting value of eastern front men is really so very high. I do not wish to minimise the situation which may arise from a Russian peace, but my confidence in our army to deal successfully with the worst the Huns can do remains absolutely unimpaired. The enemy's small success at Polderhoek Chateau was due to a great concentration of artillery against shallow, water-logged trenches.

The Cambrai Enquiry is being held at the General Headquarters. Lord Derby is attending. The German press is full of hints of an impending decisive blow being prepared on the west front.

Col. Bepington, military correspondent of the "Times" says: There are now 150 German divisions in the west and 79 in the east, but the latter have been denuded of all fighters between the ages of 19 and 35, who have been sent westwards. We must quickly take precautions to meet a blow possibly this Winter or Spring. We need a million men in order maintain the existing forces in 1918.

GERMAN ARTILLERY LOSSES.

London, December 15.
The "Daily Chronicle" correspondent with the French armies writing on Dec. 14, says: A secret report issued on Oct. 4 last by the Chief of the German General Staff and signed by General Ludendorff himself, shows the alarming losses of the German artillery. It states that during grand operations the average number of guns lost by a single German army in a single month, either by wear and tear or by enemy fire are field-guns 870, heavy pieces 585. In other words the arsenals and workshops are obliged to make or repair pieces to the extent of three quarters of the whole artillery establishment, merely in order to maintain the existing strength. The report further testifies to the efficacy of the Allied counter-battery work and says on an average 1,458 guns were put of action, 655 being lost by wear and tear and 800 by Allied bombardments. General Ludendorff says: "The figures show that the enemy counter-fires upon our artillery with very good results. It should be added that the loss of material is only one side of the artillery struggle. The destruction of munitions, losses, killed and the diminution of moral are elements at least as important."

ALLIED NAVAL CO-OPERATION.

London, December 15.
It is officially announced that it has been decided to create an Allied Naval Council to ensure the closest touch and complete co-operation of the Allied fleets and the development of all scientific operations connected with the conduct of the war. The Council will watch the general conduct of naval war and make necessary recommendations enabling the Governments to make decisions. The individual responsibility of Chiefs of Staff and the Commander-in-Chief at sea towards their Governments in regard to operations in hand and also as regards tactical, strategical and the disposition of their forces remains unchanged. The Council will consist of the Ministers of Marine and Chiefs of Naval Staffs of the nations represented, namely France, Italy, the United States and Britain. As the Council will necessarily meet in Europe the Chiefs of Naval Staffs of the United States and Japan will be represented by Flag Officers. The Council will have a permanent secretariat who will collect necessary information.

THE BRITISH FLEET'S SUPREMACY.

Paris, December 15.
M. Leygues the Minister of Marine, in a published statement says: Germany does not dare to challenge the Allied fleet. Each time her fleet has come out the British severely chastised its temerity. M. Leygues is of opinion that the German crews are not so good or enterprising as at the beginning of the war and their munitions seem to be inferior. However he would not draw too optimistic conclusions therefrom.

BRITISH AIRSHIP LOST.

Amsterdam, December 15.
A British airship descended near Utrecht. The crew of five previously landed and will be interned.

HEROES OF THE OLD ARMY.

London, December 15.
A unique and historic event was celebrated in London this afternoon, when a choral commemoration of "the first seven divisions" of the men of the old British army, who, at great sacrifice against tremendous odds, stemmed the German tide in 1914, was held at the Albert Hall. Their Majesties were present and also 700 survivors of the old army, many of whom had been wounded. The men marched in procession to the Albert Hall from the Embankment, after being entertained to luncheon by the Lord Mayor. The whole music at the commemoration was by British composers. The centre piece was an ode dedicated to the first seven divisions, the fallen, the prisoners, the disabled to Liverpool by a small craft. It was untrue that the Red and those still fighting. After the music Mr. Balfour read a passage from Ecclesiastes beginning: "Let us now praise the famous men" and Lord Derby read the order of battle of the first seven divisions. The commemoration closed with the singing of the hymn "For all the saints" and the sounding of the reveille. The herps were conveyed to the Albert Hall in motor transports amid cheering crowds. The Hall itself was filled to its utmost capacity. Besides Their Majesties the King and Queen, there were also present Princess Mary, Alice and Victoria, Prince Arthur of Connaught, and Princess Patricia, Princess Beatrice and Queen Alexandra, as well as many members of the Government and Parliament.

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TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, December 14.
Silver is quoted at forty-three. There is less inquiry in the market.

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

INCOME-TAX APPEAL DISMISSED.

London, December 14.
The Appeal Court has dismissed the appeal by the Income Tax Commissioners from a decision by Justice Atkin that Messrs. Bonstead and Co., were entitled to deduct the annual value of their branch premises in Singapore and Penang in fixing the profits of their business for Income Tax for 1913.

THE AIR RAID OVER ENGLAND.

London, December 14.
Two German aeroplanes were brought down in the raid on the 6th inst. They were forced to descend owing to damage from anti-aircraft guns.

HONOUR FOR GENERAL VAN DE VENTER.

London, December 14.
It is officially announced that General Van de Venter has been made a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath.

EX-PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL EXILED.

London, December 15.
A decree exiles ex-President Machado indefinitely.

THE RUSSIAN ELECTIONS.

London, December 14.
The Bolshevik Petrograd Telegraph Agency reports overwhelming pro-Maximalist majorities in the Constituent Assembly elections from the Twelfth and Fifteenth Armies and the army in Finland.

ITALIANS SPLENDID RESISTANCE.

London, December 14.
An Italian official message says that firm resistance has compelled the enemy to suspend his infantry attack on Colicpaile and Neoldella Berretta. Aeroplanes shelled his concentrated troops. The enemy launched dense masses in an encircling movement against the salient Monte Solarolo. The infantry, aided by Italian and French batteries, repulsed the enemy, yielding only a short section of ground after inflicting immense losses.

No Defence.

There was no defence to a charge of stealing preferred against a Chinese before Mr. Dyer Ball, at the Police Court this morning, it being admitted by the defendant that he had stolen a quantity of copper from the Kowloon Dock. Sentences of one month's hard labour and four hours' stocks was passed.

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GENERAL NEWS.

The Stain Floods.
The Government of French
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contribution of Tcs 50,000 for
Siamese Flood Relief Fund. The
British Flood Relief Fund totals
Tcs 38,078; the American Tcs
8,650; and the Danish Tcs 11,750.
The Portuguese Minister in Siam
has announced the opening of a
Portuguese Fund for the relief of
the Siamese Flood sufferers.

China's Political Programme.
The programme of the present
political leaders in Peking, says
a Shanghai contemporary, is
understood to include the dis-
solution of the National Council,
the election of a new Parliament
under the Provisional Constitu-
tion, and a request to Li Yuan-
hang, the former President, to
resume office. But as the latter
will in all probability refuse to
enter political life again, the
present Acting-President, Feng
Kwong-chang, will automatically
become permanent President,
thus giving Lu Yung-ting an
opportunity to satisfy his ambi-
tion to become Vice-President.

King Ferdinand's Fine Retort.
The *Reichspost* of Vienna
states that on the eve of the
Crown Council of August 17 in
Bucharest, King Ferdinand sent
for M. Maioresco in order to try
to convince him of the necessity
of declaring war. Maioresco was
astounded, and said that the King
could not declare war against
Germany because he was a
Hohenzollern, whereupon the
King replied: "First and
foremost I am a Rumanian, and
only in the second or third place
a Hohenzollern." The *Reichspost*
relates that Maioresco argued the
point with King Ferdinand,
saying that he ought to be
German rather than Rumanian.
The King persisted in his declara-
tion that above all he was Rou-
manian. This fine retort of
King Ferdinand of Rumania
would have remained unknown
but for the revelation of the
Reichspost in endeavouring to
pay a tribute to Maioresco at the
time of his death.

A "Breach of Promise"

In the Singapore Bankruptcy
Court recently J. R. Battery was
publicly examined. He stated he
was a native of Ceylon, aged 40,
a warehouseman in the Singapore
Harbour Board, and drawing
\$110 a month. He was never in
business nor had he ever
speculated. The amount of his
debt was \$2,708. His chief
creditor was Mrs. Cordova whom
he has to pay \$2,407 for damages
for breach of promise in
April 1917. Other debts he could
pay without being made a bank-
rupt. He spent \$1,320 a year.
Before the war he used to get
extra pay. People in the Singa-
pore Harbour Board earned a good
deal more besides their pay. To
a certain extent he had spent
more than his income. He offered
to pay \$5 a month as he had an
invalid mother to whom he sent
some \$5 a month. His expendi-
ture was \$90 a month. His
lordship ordered the bankrupt to
pay \$25 a month.

Housing in Scotland.

Appointed in 1912 to inquire
into the housing of the industrial
population of Scotland, rural and
urban, the Royal Commission
over which Sir Henry Ballantyne
presided has issued its report. It
is contained in a Blue Book of
460 pages. Of these the majority
report occupies 349, and the
minority report, signed by four
of the 12 members, the remainder.
Both contain a multitude of recom-
mendations. The majority sug-
gest that for a period of 14 years,
with an opportunity of revision
at the end of seven years, the
State, in assuming full
responsibility for housing,
should operate through the
local authorities and should place
upon them the responsibility of
seeing to the provision of
building. "To bear its full
burden, State assistance requires
the imposition of definite
obligations and the provision of
simple and effective organiza-
tion." Our national survey they
say, has revealed the sad deter-
mination of the Scottish people
to secure, for every class of the
community, wholesome conditions
of living. Their watchword is
no longer limited to a healthy
mind in a healthy body; rather,
it now is a healthy family in a
healthy home.

GENERAL NEWS.

New Portuguese Governor General.
The new Governor-General of Portuguese India, H. E. Senhor José Freixo Rebeiro, accompanied by his wife and four children, has arrived in Bombay from Lisbon, says a Bombay telegram dated November 24. For some time he was acting Governor-General of Mozambique and as a first captain in command of the gunboat Abamar took part with him in the operations on the Renssela front against the Germans in East Africa.

Great Diamond Find.
A smelter coloured diamond of superior quality and 442 carats in weight was found in the Du Toit Pan Mine, Kimberley, recently. Although this is not a record as regards weight the stone is undoubtedly the finest and most valuable diamond ever found in Griqualand West. The diamond in its rough state, is four times the weight of the Koh-i-noor, but a good deal is always lost in the cutting. The Cullinan diamond weighed 3,025 carats uncut. It was divided into nine large stones and a number of smaller ones.

Russian Consul-General Honoured.
Mr. V. Grosse, Consul-General for Russia, at Shanghai, who recently completed 25 years' service with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was (says the N. C. Daily News of December 10) the guest of honour at a function held at the Russian Assembly Hall, No. 25 Avenue Edward VII, Shanghai, given by the Russian Executive Committee to mark the occasion. There was a very large attendance of Russian residents, as well as of the Consular representatives of other Powers, to offer their congratulations, and Mr. Grosse was presented with an illuminated address, and other souvenirs, as well as a portrait in oils of himself, the work of Mrs. E. N. Macleod, which has been on exhibition at the recent display of pictures in the Town Hall, held for the benefit of War Funds. Mr. Grosse was the recipient of many hearty congratulations.

Fighting Malaria.
The report of Dr. P. S. Hunter, Municipal bacteriologist, of the Straits Settlements on the work of the anti-malaria committee during the year 1916-1917 shows that a considerable amount of work was done. New drains were carried out at a cost of over eight thousand dollars in the Tiong Bahru, Dalvey road, Messem road, Telok Hill and Copping road areas, and extensive draining operations were carried out in the Telok Hill, Chatsworth, N. 2nd and Jervois roads areas. The projected works include dealing with swamp near Nidpath, the road area mentioned, Telok Bahru (at Hammer and Cos reservoir) Radin Mas and minor work. The area under treatment were generally found to be well looked after, but the Kampong Bahru Nelson road district is still badly in need of permanent work. Anophelines were discovered on Keppel Golf course and were temporarily dealt with. Other remedial measures were taken at various points.

Singapore Free Press.
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The newly acquired organ of the Pan-German party, the Deutsche Kurier, prints a remarkable article on Germany's financial needs under the heading, in heavy type, "Wanted, £800,000,000 Yearly."—Unless Germany can force the Allies to pay her this annual contribution after the war she will be absolutely ruined. Six hundred millions is the aggregate sum Germany needs to pay her war bill for a long string of years. This is about four times Germany's general Budget before the war. Who is going to pay? If it must be Germany, the nation's finances will be crippled for centuries, and every German, irrespective of class, will be forced to work exclusively for the State for uncountable years, and Germany will be reduced to a nation of slaves. It is unthinkable that Germany will be content to end the war without imposing such indemnities on the Allies as will yield this amount in annual interest.

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J. M. BECK, Superintendent, Hongkong, Dec. 13, 1917.
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T. KRING, Act. Superintendent, Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1917.

Italian Incendiary Plot.
Rome, Oct. 11.—A court martial was opened on September 18, in connection with the blowing up of a dynamite factory at Genoa in February, 1916, when there was a terrible death toll, and in connection with a series of vast incendiary outbreaks at Genoa in December, 1915, and February, 1916. The seven accused were Sergeant Major Bonatti, his wife, his father-in-law, two hotel porters, a banking accountant, and Drovandi, a miner who formerly served 15 years in prison for homicide. The defendants were also charged with having given information to an Austrian espionage centre in Switzerland. The trial was concluded yesterday. Bonatti was sentenced to life imprisonment, his father-in-law and the two porters to death, and Drovandi

to 20 years' penal servitude. Bonatti's wife was acquitted. At the opening of the trial the terrible nature of the charges drew such indignant cries from the public that the rest of the trial had to be conducted with closed doors. The trial was a sequel to the prosecution of three prisoners at Ancona in August, 1916, when one man was sentenced to be shot, while the two others were condemned to life long penal service in the galleys.

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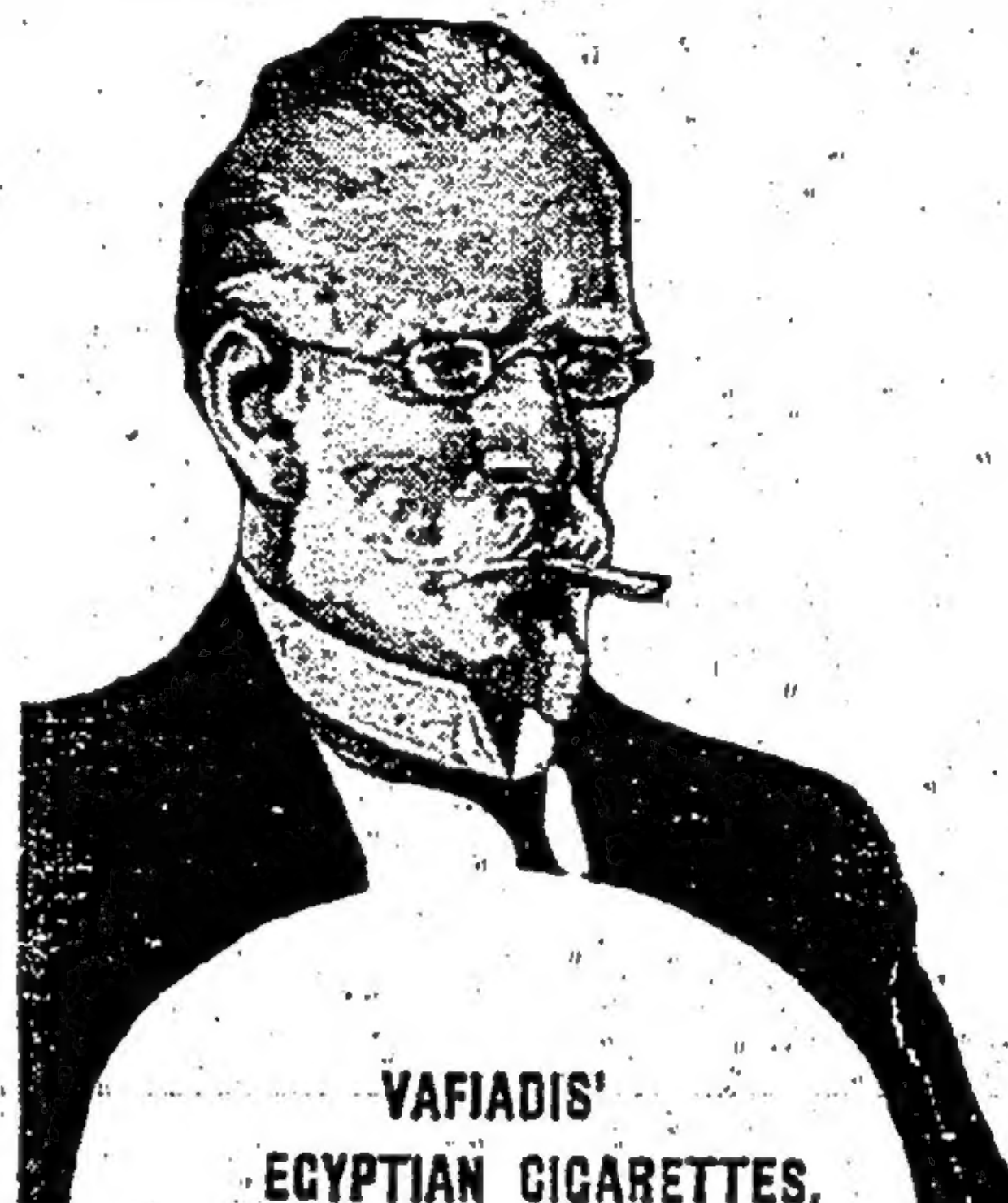
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M. MANUK, Secretary.

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1917.

A CALL TO ACTION.

Whatever Lord Lansdowne may have intended his recent letter to the *Daily Telegraph* to convey, there is no doubt that it was hailed by the public as an endorsement of their views that the time had come when the Allies might review their war aims in order to see whether some basis could not be found upon which to talk of peace with the enemy. His communication left the impression that we were fighting for rather vague and nebulous principles and that it would be well to get down to actualities. That his words were decidedly open to that construction is clear from the manner in which the whole British Press, irrespective of political attachments, joined in a chorus of disapproval, while even the Earl of Kerry, Lord Lansdowne's eldest son, and of the same political persuasion as his father, took occasion to dissociate himself from the opinions set forth in the letter. Incidentally, too, there has yet been no disclaimer by Lord Lansdowne himself of the motives imputed to him.

But, whether the writer of this historic letter intended to commit himself to pacifist views or not, we do not in any way regret the publication of the letter, for if it has had served no other purpose it has at least provided an opportunity for British writers and speakers to reveal the true feelings of the nation on this all-important question. And the result has been a complete unanimity of declaration that we cannot as yet think of talking peace with the Germans. Mr. Lloyd George's speech at Gray's Inn on Friday sets forth the official British attitude and is a clear and unambiguous intimation that we intend going on with the war until we have defeated the enemy. In other words, it means that we are not going to be content with any inconclusive peace. As the Prime Minister puts it, there is no halfway house between victory and defeat. The "one great danger of the moment, when we are all feeling the effects of the war, is that we may be diverted by fine-sounding and attractive phrases from the goal we have set out to reach. Mr. Lloyd George very effectively exposed that point when he observed that "League of Nations," "Disarmament," "Arbitration," and "Security" were all great and blessed phrases, but, without the vitalising force of victory, they were nothing but words. What, indeed, can be the possible value of an army undertaking to respect any or either of these things so long as he is left with the power to flout his promises? We do not doubt that Germany would tomorrow subscribe to almost any conditions (on paper) if by so doing she could secure a cessation of the hostilities which are draining her of her life's blood. But are the Allies ever going to be fools enough, after knowing how the Germans went back on the Treaty guaranteeing the independence of Belgium, to place any trust in their word on larger and more comprehensive issues? That, as Mr. Lloyd George very pitifully expressed it, would be "farce in the setting of tragedy." No; we cannot afford to play with great questions like these. We have had one instance of German perfidy which nearly cost the Allies their separate existence. We should be the veriest nincompoops if we ever gave the enemy a bigger opportunity still to accomplish what he has so far been prevented from doing.

The whole point which emerges from the Prime Minister's speech, and it is one with which all level-headed men will agree, is that no mere signing of Treaties can give us security for lasting peace. Before we come to the stage of disarmament, there is more work to be done on the battlefields. We must first remove the enemy's power to repudiate his pledged word; then we can set about framing conditions which will make him impotent for the future. In one of his characteristic epigrams, Mr. Lloyd George says there is nothing so fatal to character as half-finished tasks. The war is half-finished at present. The Allies have to finish it fully and completely; they are absolutely determined to do so. That is the message which, through their Premier, the British people now convey to the Kaiser and all those who stand behind him.

War Lotteries.

Those interested in war lotteries for charitable objects will have noticed recently that some interesting particulars have been published concerning the drawings in the Straits Settlements and the F.M.S. In one case it was stated that a coolie had won the first prize, while the names of other winners have also been published. So far as the Hongkong lottery is concerned, however, no official intimation has gone forth as to the names of the holders of lucky-numbered tickets. In regard to the first prize, an idea was at first circulated that an old Portuguese lady had secured it; then it was said the ticket was bought by a Chinese in Canton; and among the other rumours is that the winning ticket has been lost. Which of these stories is true, we do not know. To set all doubts at rest, however, it would be well if some pronouncement could be made. If the names of the winners cannot be published, at any rate it could be stated whether or not the whole of the prizes have been claimed.

The Mysterious "Peace Offer."

Quite a lot of mystery seems to surround the so-called peace offer from Germany, and, like most mysteries, there is no doubt that the most interesting part is that which is not revealed. It is perfectly clear that Mr. Balfour received a communication from Germany in which it was explicitly stated that "Germany would be glad to make a communication to the British Government regarding peace." This communication, it is true, was communicated "through a neutral diplomatic channel," but it was, nevertheless, unquestionably from the German Government. And that being the case, Mr. Balfour, in his capacity as Minister for Foreign Affairs, very properly communicated the matter to the House of Commons and notified our Allies of the nature of the communication. The German Government was also informed by Mr. Balfour, on behalf of the British Government, that we were "prepared to receive any communication Germany desired to make and to discuss it with our Allies." There is no mystery about this. It is perfectly clear, reasonable and logical.

The Mystery?

The mysterious part of the proceedings gradually comes into play from now onward. No answer was received from Germany. Why? After quite a long wait (for it should be borne in mind that Germany's communication was received in September) the German Government has now issued what is termed an official explanation regarding Mr. Balfour's statement in the House of Commons. It is to the effect that Germany had received "through a neutral" a communication relating to Germany's war aims; and that because of the fact that the communication "was so couched as to warrant the belief that it was made with the knowledge of Great Britain," the German Government, as it subsequently stated, was glad to make a statement regarding the matter. Then, why does it not do so? The fact of the matter is, as Lord Robert Cecil in one of today's telegrams is reported to have said, Germany's "explanation" is simply untrue. It is merely a mendacious statement covering up a futile attempt to put forward a "peace-feeler," which was made for no other purpose than to discover how strong or how weak was the British desire regarding peace. The Germans, it is well-known, have long since been fully aware of the impossibility of their winning the war and they are naturally anxious regarding peace conditions. They, of course, wish to make the best of a bad job; and would like to take advantage of such events as the collapse of Russia, the temporary setback to the Italians, and the feeling of "war weariness" that afflicts a certain section of the British people, in common with those of other countries. The Germans, however, will find that their latest little trick will not deceive anyone, and they will also find that the British will never seek to end the war until what they set out to achieve is accomplished.

DAY BY DAY.

WHEN THE SERMON IS GOOD WE NEED NOT MUCH CONCERN OURSELVES ABOUT THE FORM OF THE PULPIT.—Ruskin.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the third anniversary of the declaration of a Protectorate over Egypt.

The Dollar.
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 11.7/8d. The closing rate will be found on Page 1.

Religious Meeting.
The weekly religious meeting of the Helena May Institute on Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock will be conducted by Lieut. Sylvester Lee. The meeting is open to all women.

The Misses Woods.
Our readers are reminded of the performance at the Victoria Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday night, when the Misses Allen and Doris Woods will appear and introduce many new songs. The public are informed that the pit will not be available on either of these nights, as it has been bought up for the soldiers and sailors. The plan of the stalls and Dress Circle can be seen at the Anderson Music Company's store.

Stolen Sheet Iron.
When charged with the theft of a piece of sheet iron from a Japanese steamer now in port, a Chinese said that he was only given it to carry by another man. Evidence was given by an Indian constable who found the man carrying the iron along the Praya East. The Chief Officer of the ship identified it as the ship's property. Mr. J. B. Wood, the Magistrate who heard the case, sentenced the defendant to three months' hard labour.

A Beggar Fined.
Charged with begging in Queen's Road East, an elderly Chinese told Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, that he was a carpenter by trade and had come to Hongkong about two months ago to try to find work. After Inspector Sim had stated that the man had been begging in Queen's Road for some time, his Worship imposed a fine of \$1.

For Self-Defence.
For the unlawful possession of a Colt revolver and 200 rounds of ammunition, a Chinese was fined by Mr. Dyer Ball this morning \$100. It was stated that the weapon was found to have been concealed underneath a stove on the Kin Shan Wharf and that the defendant had only arrived in the Colony yesterday from Canada. He told his Worship that he was on his way to Kowloon and that he had heard frequent reports of armed robberies in his country. He intended to use the revolver only in self-defence.

To Much "Medicine!"
Before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Magistrate's Court this morning, an Indian Watchman, employed at the M. Y. San Biscuit Factory, pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly. He stated that he had been in poor health for some time and that he had been recommended to take alcohol and what he took overcame him. Before that he had been a teetotaler. Sergeant Johnson stated that he found the man very drunk in Wanchai, and Inspector Sim added that the man had been troublesome. He was inclined to be quarrelsome and had previously interfered with an Indian policeman. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

Abused His Wife.
A Chinese, formerly employed at Holt's godowns, was charged this morning before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Magistrate's Court, with using abusive language towards his wife on Saturday night. Inspector Gordon told his Worship that the woman was anamah, employed at Mrs. Johnson's, Minden Terrace, Kowloon, and that there had been some misunderstanding between the defendant and the woman for some time past. There had been repeated rows between them, and the man had several times been brought to the Police Station and warned. On Saturday night, he made such a disturbance that he was charged. There was very bad language used. His Worship imposed a fine of \$10 and warned the man that next time he would be sent to prison.

CAMP SERVICE.

Address By Bishop Lander to Defence Corps Members.

On Sunday morning, the Defence Corps Camp at Lova was visited by the Bishop of Victoria (Dr. Lander) who held a drum-head service, which was largely attended by those in Camp at the time. There were several other well-known visitors present, among them being the Hon. Mr. Oland Severn, C.M.G. (the Officer Administering the Government), H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Major-General Ventris), the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.O. Capt. Casell, Major Morgan (Commandant), Mr. F. O. Jenkin, D. S. P. (B), etc.

The service was read by the Rev. W. T. Featherstone (Bishop's Chaplain), and the hymns sung were "Thy Kingdom come, O God," and "O God, our help in ages past."

In the course of his address, Bishop Lander said:—May I speak briefly to you on three words:—Service, sacrifice and spirit? This camp suggests all three. Our Nation has ever in the day honoured the idea of service. The highest subject of the King has for his motto "I serve," and we have ever signed our official letters "your obedient servant," but of recent times the idea has been obscured. We thought the aristocracy were not necessarily the best servants of the State, but those who had the biggest titles or whose grandparents had rendered the service. The popular adage does not suggest the service rendered by a Lord but his self-indulgence. We did not say "as active as a Lord" but "as drunk as a Lord." The aspiration of some was to be rich, and idle, forgetting that happiness is only found in service. All that is now changing. We have universal service. If a man will not serve in some way he has no right to derive benefit from the defence and service of others. Your camp here is a grand illustration of the duty and joy of service to the State, and through the State to the whole world. There is a solidarity of the race and every man is born in to it not to dominate it but to serve it. On the day war was declared Japan and was discussing the situation with a German lady, who said:—"Why cannot England and Germany be allies? Then we could dominate the whole world. I replied that the British ideal was not to dominate, but to serve the world. We have taken Jerusalem not for ourselves but those who will use it best. From whence did we derive this ideal of service of which the war has given us a fresh vision? Not from those who practically defy the state but from the sublime carpenter of Nazareth, from Him who though equal with God took upon Him the form of slave who came not to be served but to serve, who in that very Jerusalem washed his disciples' feet and who said "if any man would be great let him be the servant of all." Universal Service for the benefit of the universe is a Christian ideal that we must keep before us. Secondly, your camp suggests the word sacrifice. You are not here for fun. It is not a picnic, but to many of you it has meant considerable sacrifice. Your business may suffer by your absence; overtime must be put in afterwards, sport must be suspended. For all this the community owes you a debt of gratitude. If it is to do any good, it involves sacrifice. This also has ever been valued by our nation. Who were our popular heroes? Not the men who bought titles by big gifts to a political party and who lived in luxury and squandered or saved big fortunes. Some may have loaded to them but they never admired them or really respected them. It was the men of the *Great Bridge* and the *lifeboat* crews who risked their lives to save others that were the popular heroes and when the war broke out it was the very best who volunteered for the Flying Corps and other most perilous branches of service. Penah exactly expressed it when he represented the mince-wasps going on.

NO LICENCE.

To Get a Free One from the Poor Box.

When an aged Chinese was charged before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with hawking without a licence, Inspector O'Sullivan stated that it was the same man who, three or four months ago, told his Worship that he was formerly a junk master but had lost his junk in a typhoon. He (Inspector O'Sullivan) was asked to make enquiries, but the old man had not been found since. His Worship had stated that the man might be given a free licence. "I think the old man is telling the truth. When I knew that he had been arrested I let him out without bail and he has turned up here this morning," added the Inspector.

His Worship:—Can you get him a free licence?
Inspector O'Sullivan:—Your Worship said you would give him one out of the Poor Box.

As his Worship discharged the man and told him he would be given a free licence, the aged defendant expressed thanks by repeatedly saluting.

saying it is because our work is so perilous that so many want to do it. Self-sacrifice of men, wives and mothers has become universal. Now we despise a selfish man, not only the selfish creature who robs a girl of her priceless jewel of purity to satisfy his lust or who cheats at cards or who tempts others to drink to excess, but now we realise as never before that none of us liveth to himself and that self-denial in the use of every luxury and even the necessities of life is essential to all right thinking British people. From whence comes the ideal of sacrifice? I believe from the Father of us all. It has been finely said that "God is an act of eternal sacrifice and Christ the reproduction of that act in time." The true man, made in God's image, is after all God's Son and when once freed with realities, he begins to show marks of his parentage by sacrificing himself. God is no neutral potentate but "He solved that He gave His Son." Yes, He Himself took our nature upon Him and was willing to suffer even the cross of shame. "He Emptied Himself." The war has in many cases proved the vindication of the cross of Christ, and of His teaching. Many a man has saved his life as by sacrificing it for others. If we cannot go to the front we must at least sacrifice our time, our money and our pleasure for the cause for which others are sacrificing their all. There must be universal sacrifice as well as universal service. The spirit of our service and sacrifice is all important. We are not fighting for more territory, for wider fields of trade, or for any material advantage. Before the war we were too materialistic. "Will it pay?" was the first question; "What is the worth?" we asked when we meant not his character which is the only permanent asset but how much money has a man got. If the average Englishman thought out his desire for his old age and his children's future it was first largely a matter of being prosperous, and comfortable. Now we realise that national honour is more valuable than material wealth. The war is spiritual. We are fighting because Right is more important than Might, Principle than Policy, Conscience than Convenience. Victory for any nation that has not learnt this lesson and has not the right spirit would be worse than defeat, because a worse materialism might ensue. No, we know that the all-important thing for any people is not even the strength of its Army, or the efficiency of its Navy, but the spirit of its people, the spirit of righteousness and honour. It will profit nothing if a man or a nation gain the whole world and lose him or the nation itself. Englishmen stand their ground on the *Great Bridge* with all its armaments and by the *Christ* Himself.

Both before and after the service the party was conducted round the Camp and evinced great interest in all that was going on.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

We are interested, remarks the *Spectator*, to observe how the much-lauded "business man," when called in to help the mere politician, makes it his first business to "shatter the popular delusions fostered by those who are engorged by coming. Lord Rhonda, on becoming Food Controller, made it clear that the clamour against "profiteering" had very little substance. Similarly, Lord Auckland Goddes has disposed of the foolish talk about the "Cuberts" of Whitehall, by showing that in any case we must retain for national work many young men of military age. Every right minded young Englishman would be glad to join the colours, but it is not every one who can be spared for the Navy or the Army.

We are all interested in the fate of "Tipperary," that most tragic song in British history, to the strains of which the old army marched to its death. Major Corbett Smith, in his new book, thus described its position to-day:—"It seems now almost on a par with the National Anthem of the Allies. For it is often sung at the end of a Concert with 'God Save the King' and very frequently the men rise to their feet for the singing of it. Several times I have seen it noted in the Press that 'Tipperary' is dead. That is incorrect. It has become canonical, if one may use the term, by reason of its association with the men of the old army, and so it is sung on special occasions only." Little did the composer dream that his tune, written for an hour, would become a landmark in British history!

How the enemy countries are being drained of their population by the war is indicated from their own information by Dr. Julius Bacz, the well-known Magyar statistician, in a long article entitled "The Decline of the Population" in the *Vilva*. Excluding Austria, he says, "Hungary's losses alone in heroic dead are reckoned at 700,000 to the end of 1916. Nor can we even yet approximately count number of incurables, cripples unfit for work, and death hastened by war privations." The number of births in Hungary, which was 765,891 in 1912, fell in 1916 to 333,551; in other words, the fall was more than half, while the deaths among the civilian population only diminished from 158,144 in 1912 to 428,057 in 1916, no real decrease in proportion to the wholesale withdrawal of men from civilian life. In 1916 there was an excess of 246,767 births over deaths among the civilian population, which has changed to an excess of deaths over births of 48,432 in 1915, and 94,500 in 1916.

The recent sale by auction of the cottage in Shrewsbury, in which lived Thomas Parr, who is traditionally supposed to have lived to the extraordinary age of 152 years, has once more revived interest in that popular instance of abnormal longevity. The common tradition recorded everywhere and almost universally believed, about Old Parr is that he was born in 1483 and died in 1635 at the age of 152. He was an ordinary farmer and lived and worked all his life at Alderbury in the county of Shrewsbury, but having become a celebrity on account of his great age the Earl of Arundel induced him in the last year of his life to go to London where he was introduced to King Charles I. and where dying in a few months he was buried by the King's order in Westminster Abbey. Upon his tomb there it was inscribed that he was born on the 15th of May 1483 and died on the 15th of May 1635. The King's entombed body was the circulation of the blood, and his post-mortem examination and his report mentions his age, but takes care to state that it was furnished by the persons who accompanied Parr to London.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph"]

BOLD ROBBERIES NEAR CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph"]

Sir,—Through the medium of your valuable column, I beg to bring to the notice of the high officials at Canton the daring robberies taking place in broad daylight at Chin Kai market town and Tong-tan-ha Railway Station in Tung Koon District, twenty odd miles beyond the New Territories. About ten days ago, some three hundred robbers, with arms and ammunition, disguised as soldiers, marched right in to the Chin Kai market at about 6 o'clock in the morning. As soon as the robbers arrived there, they began to attack the pawn shops. Fortunately these houses were well built in good concrete, and the robbers were unable to break in. Then they set fire to the pawn shops, and in consequence various other shops in the vicinity were entirely gutted. The total of houses destroyed was about twenty, and the loss of property is considerable. When the villagers in the neighbourhood of the market heard the alarm they combined together to fight against the robbers. As the arms of the villagers were not as good as those of the robbers, they were badly defeated, and about twenty of them were killed. About half a dozen of them did not take up arms against the robbers, but were taken away and shot or stabbed to death on the way without mercy. Finally when the robbers found out they could not remain longer in the market, they decided on kidnapping the people. Altogether about 21 persons were taken away and confined in the robbers' village some ten miles away from the Tong-tan-ha Railway Station and detained for ransom. The day after that, the robbers discovered that nine men out of the captives were without means, and consequently they were released. The rest of the twelve were still held for ransom. Five days ago, two robbers accompanied one of the captives and boldly went back to the Chin Kai market and demanded \$3,000 and 50 taels of good Macao opium for the release of the 12 persons kidnapped. Nobody would dare touch those two robbers or even ill-treat them, for if the two marauders were either detained or killed by the market people, all the captives would lose their lives.

Although these matters were reported to the Tung Koon Magistrate a day after the robberies, and a telegram was sent to the Military and Civil Governors of Canton, it is over a week now since this occurred and the officials still take no steps to tack the robbers, neither do they send soldiers to protect the people. A telegram published in the local Chinese papers a few days ago states that the Military Governor of Canton has received a message from the Tung Koon Magistrate saying that he will personally lead a regiment of soldiers to the robbers, but still he has not done so.

Just two days ago, another bold kidnapping case took place at the Tong-tan-ha Railway Station boundary. A man named Yee, who has some means, had prepared to come to the Hongkong with his grandson on the 12th inst. When he arrived at his friend's house in Tong-tan-ha market town he was requested to stay overnight there. On the morning of the 13th inst., Yee came out to the Railway Station about thirty yards from the market to board the train for Hongkong. When this man and his grandson reached the Railway Station boundary, two kidnappers walked out to him and asked him to follow them; whereupon, when about fifty yards from the station, some of the robbers were seen waiting to help. Unfortunately this same man had been kidnapped once last year, and it had cost a few thousand dollars for his release. I wonder whether the officials will still shut their ears and let these serious matters continually

LOCAL WEDDING.

Mr. C. Edgcombe—Miss Constance Martin.

A pretty wedding took place this afternoon at St. John's Cathedral, the contracting parties being Mr. Clifford Edgcombe, of Messrs. Snowman and Company, and Miss Constance Martin, daughter of Captain Martin, of Hongkong. Both parties are well known in the Colony and, as was to be expected, there was a large attendance at the church, which had been most tastefully decorated with white chrysanthemums and palms.

The service, which was conducted by the Rev. O. L. Cooper-Hunt, was choral, Mr. Denman Fuller being at the organ. The hymns sung were "The Voice that Breathed o'er Eden" and "O Perfect Love". The bride, who was charmingly attired, was attended by Miss Violet Martin, sister, Miss Annie Miller, and Miss Sheila Tisdale. The bride carried a bouquet of white roses, and the bridesmaids baskets of pink and white roses. Mr. Martin, the mother of the bride, carried a bouquet of violets. Mr. Thomson undertook the duties of best man and the bride was given away by Mr. J. H. Wallace.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Kingsclere. The newly-married couple were the recipients of numerous and costly presents.

CANTON NEWS.

Our Canton correspondent writes under date of December 16 as follows:—Lau Chi-lak, the Commander for the Swatow expeditionary force, has reported that Swatow is captured. The enemy's troops fled by sea and the troops from Fokien also retired.

Lau Chi-lak has been appointed Defence Commissioner of Swatow by the Canton Government.

On hearing that Tang Shou-yi intended to return to his village and Wa Ting-tang to Shanghai, Lak Wing-ting wired them to remain, saying that although the mediation has not succeeded their wise advice on other matters will be appreciated.

Lung Chai-kwong has received instructions from Peking to the effect that he may accept the service of the two gunboats Kong Kung and Kwong Lu. The British Minister has been requested to notify the Hongkong Government to see to the matter.

Ching Pik-kong is appointed by the Canton Government as Commander-in-Chief of the Fokien expeditionary force and the cruisers and gunboats under his control will be divided into three squadrons. They will leave Whampoa in successive batches.

Shark Caught Off the Lyne.
A shark, estimated to weigh 100lb, was hooked by Mr. White Wickham while sea angling off Lyne mouth, North Devon, but after an exciting fight of three quarters of an hour it broke away. The shark towed the boat about a quarter of a mile.

happen. Since these horrible robberies, all the inhabitants in the "robberies" districts are living unhappily and in uneasiness. Business is at a standstill at present. All the villages and the market town have to hire men to watch the houses, and have to pay high prices for them. If the officials would pay more attention to these matters, I dare say the robbers would not be so bold in broad daylight. Had the robbers would not have dared to kidnap the man. In future, I should say, nobody will dare to go to that station for a train to Hongkong. It is very bad for business communications, and doubtless it will affect the railway considerably.

Hoping that the high officials of Canton and the Tung Koon Magistrate will take up immediate steps to attack the robbers' villages and effect the release of the captives without further delay.

Yours etc.

L. F. W.

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MURDER CHARGE.

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Mr. L. Longinotto, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared to prosecute on behalf of the Crown, the first defendant being represented by Mr. R. C. Faithfull and the second by Mr. Bulmer Johnson.

In opening the case, Mr. Longinotto said that the murder, with which the accused were charged, was so cold-blooded and calculated that it would even surprise his Worship, experienced as he was. The deceased was an accountant in the Po On Insurance Company and the second defendant was the sheriff. Therefore the second defendant would know what money had come into the business during the day. The first defendant had previously been employed there also. Undoubtedly the whole thing had been engineered by the second accused, and he, knowing that there was something like \$5,000 in the safe, went to the first defendant and the question of robbing the Po On Company was discussed in all its details with other men, one of whom was a fitter employed by the Tramway Company and another man whom they did not quite know. When it was pointed out that many people lived on the same floor, the first defendant stated that it was impossible to do the work without killing deceased. In all probability the second defendant knew where the accountant of the firm kept his keys. The whole thing presented a story which was almost smothering—it was so barefaced. The medical evidence showed that deceased had been strangled and, for theatrical effect, the murderers had sprinkled his body with a powder, probably to suggest that deceased had taken something to kill himself, and seven steps from the bottom were a couple of knives most carefully laid up against the banisters.

Evidence was given by Dr. McFarlane to the effect that he made a post mortem examination of the body and was of the opinion that death was due to asphyxiation.

The rest of the evidence given this afternoon was formal in character.

LOSING NERVOUS ENERGY.

Everybody has some store of nervous energy. When work or worry without sufficient rest exhausts this store, a condition results that medical men call neurasthenia.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

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Marseilles Freight Rates.

Recently freight rates from Japan to France were quoted at 1,000s. per ton, but there were no actual transactions at that rate. A transport contract, however, has now been actually concluded at the freight mentioned. The Mural Kisen Kaisha has contracted with Messrs. Yuasa & Co. to ship by the Asa-maru, 3,100 tons deadweight, about 2,400 tons of bean oil and other goods to Marseilles at 1,000s. per ton on behalf of the latter.

Foochow and Amoy Shipping.

The total number and tonnage of vessels which entered and cleared at Foochow during the quarter ended in June 1917, was 415 vessels of 176,982 tons which was an increase of three vessels but a decrease of 28,704 tons. The percentages of the different flags were 48.5 per cent. Chinese, 25.7 per cent. British, 25.6 per cent. Japanese and 0.1 per cent. American. During the quarter which ended in June 1917 the total number and tonnage of vessels which entered and cleared at Amoy was 406 vessels of 479,997 tons, which, compared with the same quarter the previous year, shows an increase of thirty-seven vessels and 9,665 tons. The percentages were 38.9 per cent. British, 38.2 per cent. Japanese, 11.2 per cent. Chinese, 10.4 per cent. Dutch and 1.3 per cent. Norwegian.

The Shipping Situation in Germany.

There is much evidence in existence that Germany's commercial classes view the economic outlook with apprehension, and the "Frankfurter Zeitung," dilating on Germany's peace aims, definitely declares that Germany's economic aims constitute "central questions of the future peace," and are of far greater importance than her geographical aims. Germany it is asserted, must defeat the economic schemes of her opponents by securing most-favoured-nation treatment, obtain the right of settlement in foreign countries, and secure absolute freedom to import raw materials. This is evidently the spirit underlying the text of the bill for the reconstruction of Germany's mercantile marine. At the present time the shipping industry is in a state of financial collapse, as an official memorandum frankly confesses. Vessels are laid up in harbour involving heavy up-keep and earning nothing, whilst enemy and neutral shipowners are making big profits. Not less than 2,000,000 tons have either been destroyed or are in enemy hands, in addition to which another million tons are laid up in neutral ports or the ports of Germany's allies. It is recognised that the shipping industry will only be able to face peace conditions with financial assistance from the State, and this object in view the all proposes to make non-repatriate to shipowners for building, purchase from abroad to replace lost tonnage, crews to replace lost property. Hamburg estimates the probable amount of the subsidies at about 275,000,000, though the ultimate cost is likely to exceed this figure. A liquid pro quo is demanded by the Empire reserving to itself up to the amount of the grant all rights of the shipowners against foreign States and insurance companies, and in the event of a ship reverting to the owner it must be handed over to the Empire, or the grant must be repaid in a fixed number of years, with interest at 5 per cent. The present position of the big German lines is revealed by the fact that of the fifteen wealthiest companies operating elsewhere than in the Baltic, nine, including the Hamburg-Amerika, the Levant Lines, the North German Lloyd, the Wermann, and the Ost-Afrika, were excused on their own application from publishing a balance sheet over the three years 1914, 1915, and 1916. Had a dividend been available such an application would not have been made, for only six of these fifteen companies declared dividends in 1914, two in 1915, while none declared dividends last year.

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Sandakan	Mausang	J. M. Co.	20, Dec.
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Manila	Yusung	J. M. Co.	21, Dec.
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Goods not cleared by the 20th December, 1917, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday & Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Agents,
Hongkong, 13th November, 1917.

CONSIGNEES

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Consignees of Cargo from EUROPE per the Company's steamship,

"MISHIMA MARU," are hereby notified that as this steamer had an outbreak of fire on board while she was off the Canary Islands on 27th October, 1917, on her way to the East, it has been decided that the damage sustained and the expenditure incurred therefrom shall form a subject for General Average contribution. Consignees are therefore requested to sign Average Bond at this office and to fill in Valuation Forms which may be supplied upon application, as well as to pay to the ship's agents a deposit of ONE per cent, (1%) of the market value of their respective consignments, before taking delivery of their goods, on ship's arrival here on Thursday, the 13th instant.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
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Hongkong, 11th December, 1917.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From KOBE, and MOJI.

THE Steamship

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5 P.M.

No Fire Insurance whatever
will be effected.
No Claim will be recognised
after the goods have left the
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All chafed and damaged cargo
will be landed into the Company's
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T. DAIGO,

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1917.

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REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

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TROUBLE AT VLADIVOSTOCK.

London, December 15. The "Times" Washington correspondent says: Mr. Lansing has received a telegram from the Consul at Vladivostock stating that serious fighting has broken out among the Russian military factions and urging the despatch of American troops.

The "Daily Mail" says that the Foreign Office till last evening had not received confirmation of the reported Japanese occupation of Vladivostock. It was however described as conceivable that Japan in order to protect the accumulation of Allied stores may have decided on such action. The "Daily Mail" Tientsin correspondent says: The prompt despatch of Chinese troops to Harbin has eased the situation.

BRITISHERS DETAINED IN RUSSIA.

Petrograd, December 15. The "Times" correspondent at Petrograd states: Over 150 Britishers, including women and children have been detained owing to the detention of certain Russians in Great Britain. They are now permitted to obtain passports.

BIG BANK AMALGAMATION.

London, December 15. Arrangements have been made for the amalgamation of the National and Provincial Bank of England, the Union of London and Smith's Bank. The joint deposits aggregate \$150,000,000.

THE COTTON SUPPLY.

London, December 16. A deputation of members of the House of Commons, representing constituencies engaged in the cotton industry, headed by Mr. Nuttall waited on the Shipping Controller, in whose unavoidable absence Sir Leo Chiozza money deposed. Replying to several views he said the War Cabinet had instructed the Shipping Controller to maintain the rate of cotton supply which was secured in 1917 so far as it was achievable in view of the tonnage situation. Notwithstanding that one half of our ships were engaged in war purposes and all the losses falling to the remaining half, the Ministry of Shipping contrived in 1917 to bring into the United Kingdom almost an equal quantity of cotton as the year before the war. The trade would have had all it needed if there had not been so great a call on cotton for explosives. He could make no promise regarding the importation in 1918, owing to the uncertainty of losses but he hoped to be able to carry out the War Cabinet's wishes regarding cotton. He denied that a number of cotton ships had been lost. The greater part of the cargo of the steamer Red Bridge was saved and the cotton despatched. Bridge was sent from one port to another. The success of the Admiralty convoy protecting scheme was magnificent and it was hoped to further improve it.

TURKEY AND PEACE.

London, December 16. The "Daily Mail" Washington correspondent says: It is reported that Mukhtar Bey, one of the Turkish delegates conferring at Berne on the exchange of prisoners asked Constantinople for power to negotiate a separate peace.

ALLIED PURCHASES IN AMERICA.

London, December 15. It is officially stated that an Inter-Ally Council on War Purchases will be finally established and will sit alternately at London and Paris. Its primary object is the consideration of the needs of the Allies for purchases in the United States. The Council will indicate priorities, but the final decision in connection therewith will be made at Washington.

LIGHTLESS NIGHTS IN AMERICA.

Washington, December 15. The Fuel Administration has decreed several lightless nights weekly for the purpose of not only saving coal but "to provide startling visual evidence that the United States is engaged in the conduct of the greatest world war." The decree bans everywhere illuminated signs, advertisements, searchlights, and external ornamental illuminations. It also prohibits lights in the interior of stores and offices other than business places when not open.

AUSTRALIA AND CONSCRIPTION.

Melbourne, December 15. Three thousand women participated in an enthusiastic conscription demonstration at the Auditorium. Mr. Hughes was accorded a great reception and strongly appealed to women to support the Government's proposals.

Sydney, December 15. Mr. Wattspach is of opinion that the result of the Referendum depends upon New South Wales, particularly upon the vote of the metropolis.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. O. Jenkin, D.S.P. (R.), state:—

Parades.

Tuesday, December 18.—Nos. 5 and 6 Platoons (No. 2 Company).

Wednesday, December 19.—No. 2 Platoon.

Thursday, December 20.—No. 3 Company and Ambulance Platoon (under own Chief Inspector).

Friday, December 21.—No. 1 Platoon.

Rifles of Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons will be inspected by the Musketry Officers immediately after the fall-in and before roll-call.

Musketry Course—Part 1.

There will be no further practice until Sunday, January 6.

Details of scores to date and analysis of same are posted at Headquarters Club.

Unit Commanders are required to make themselves familiar with same for the purpose of future reference.

176 of all ranks have fired to date. Ten have qualified as marksmen, and 59 as first-class shots. Highest score to date is 112.

Uniform.

Members for whom orders for new uniform have been issued are directed to attend without delay at Noordin's for fitting.

Band and Orchestra.

Tuesday, December 18.—Band Practice.

Wednesday, December 19.—Clarionets.

Friday, December 21.—Band Practice.

Applications, Correspondence &c.

All applications, correspondence &c. (excepting reports) will in future be addressed to Mr. T. F. Hough, A.S.P. (R.) and Adjutant, only, and delivered at the Police Reserve Headquarters Office, not to his business or private address.

Strength.

Ambulance P.O. 142 Chan Pak Hing is invalided out.

Bugler 29 Chan Chin Yau, having returned to the Colony, rejoins the Buglers and Drummers.

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE—DIV. 1.

R. E. Reserves v. St. Joseph's College.

Played on the Club Ground on Saturday last. In anticipation of a good game, quite a crowd of spectators came to witness this match and were in no way disappointed. About ten minutes from the start, the College scored through Omar. The R. E. goalie, evidently thinking the ball was going outside, made no attempt to save. This reverse put the Sappers on their mettle, and from a good centre, Baker equalised. Just before half time, Osborne gave the soldiers the lead, the ball going in off one of the College backs. Half time.—R. E. Reserves, 2; St. Joseph's, 1. The second half was just as sternly contested as the first, but the shooting of the Sappers was much better than that of their opponents. The second half was not very old as Osborne again scored with a lovely shot from long range, giving the goalie no chance. Although two goals in arrears, the College were having their full share of the game, and severely tested the R. E. defence. Once the outside right broke clean through on his own, only to send the ball yards high over the bar. The Sappers came again, and from a centre Baker headed through, although the ball appeared to be through before he got it. This put the result beyond doubt. The College made some good attempts to reduce the lead, but the score remained in favour of the R. E. Reserves by 4 goals to 1.

Comments.—The R. E. Reserves have further strengthened their team by the inclusion of Osborne, recently arrived in the Colony, and it must be said his play is far above the average 2nd League football. No doubt he will find his place in the first team at an early date. Waller and Simonds defended well, while Millard put in some good centres from outside right. For the College, Johnson was a tower of strength in the half-back line, and Hyndman and Omar worked hard in the forward line. The goalie did not appear to be at all comfortable, being somewhat on the nervous side.

Staff & Depts. v. Kowloon. Played on the Navy Ground last Saturday. The following were the teams:—

Kowloon.—Jennings; Hamilton, Eardley, Muskett, Rasmussen, Setton, Tatum, Mason, Pasco, Mueidin, Taylor.

Staff & Depts.—Glensay, Lawrence, Wain; Ellerby, Knight, Strang, Kirby, O'Connor, Taylor, Pierce, Sheriff.

Both these teams occupy a lowly position in the League table. Play was of a very even character, the teams being well matched. For the Staff & Depts. Taylor and Connor scored in the first half, Pasco replying for Kowloon. The second half was fought in most determined fashion, but the soldiers lasted the better. Further goals were added by Taylor for the Staff & Depts., while Pasco again scored for his side. Result.—Staff and Depts., 3; Kowloon, 2.

The Staff and Depts. have quite a good defence, with O'Connor and Taylor playing a good game in the forward line. Kowloon have a few alterations again this week. Pasco and Muskett played quite a good game for their side. Both these teams play quite good football, and may yet surprise some of the more formidable Clubs.

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.

H.K. Defence Corps v. Middlesex Regt.

Played on the Club Ground, Happy Valley, on Saturday last. The teams were as follows:—

Middlesex Regt.—Turner; Fawthrop, Fisher; Fawcett, Poesey, Allen; Walden; Watia; Sayers, Jarvis, Scroton.

Defence Corps.—Goldenberg; McCubben, Cave; Castells, Stewart, Rodgers; Wood, Gerrard, Irvine, McTavish, Bailton. Referee.—Mr. Wright.

As anticipated, this was a very even and well contested game. The Defence Corps made the running pretty hot, but the Mid-

dlesex defence was very sound, Turner saving shots in fine style. At the other end, Sayers tested Goldenberg with a hot drive, but the latter was quite equal to the occasion. The Middlesex opened the second half in fine style, and it was not long ere they took the lead, Watts doing the needful. The Defence Corps strived hard to rob their opponents of the lead, but it was some considerable time before they succeeded, when McTavish brought the scores level. Both sides now worked hard to get the lead and a few minutes from time Gerrard netted for the Defence Corps, from a fine centre by Wood. This goal was well worked for by the right wing. Nothing further was scored, the Corps winning by 2 goals to 1.

Comments.—The chief feature of the match was the fine passing of the Defence Corps forwards. This was most noticeable with the right wing, who were always a great source of trouble to the backs. Sayers made many individual efforts to get through on his own, but did not succeed. On the run of the play the Corps deserved to win by the odd goal.

CRICKET.

Kowloon v. C.R.C.

These teams met in a League match at Causeway Bay on Saturday, the result being a walk-over for the visitors; due to the fine batting of Robinson, Claxton and Joel and the effective bowling of Cobb and Stalker. Scores:—

Kowloon. F. Wheeler, b Yew Man Tean 1; J. Stalker, c Kwok Shui Yau, b Yew Man Tean 19; L. J. Blackburn, c Yew Man Tean, b U. Hef Fan 1; A. A. Claxton, not out 56; F. E. Joel, c Kwok Shui Yau, b Yew Man Tean 46; R. E. Lindell, c and b U. Hef Fan 7; J. P. Robinson, not out 70; L. E. S. Hodge, P. H. Cobb, A. de Sousa and R. Pestonji did not bat.

Extras... 5

Total (5 wks)... 198

Bowling.

O. M. R. W. Un Hef Fan... 14 2 76 2; Yew Man Tean... 11 1 53 3; Ho Wing Kin... 3 0 22 0; Ng Sze Kwong... 4 0 42 0

C. R. C.

Ng Sze Yuen, c Blackburn, b Stalker 7; Ho Wing Kin, run out 12; Un Hef Fan, c Claxton, b Stalker 0; Gao Lee, b Cobb 7; Yew Man Tean, run out 2; H. Ching, b Cobb 0; Kwok Shui Yau, b Cobb 1; Wei Le San, b Stalker 13; Ng Sze Kwong, b Cobb 13; Wong Po Kwong, not out 0; A. Kew, b Stalker 0; Extras... 6

Total... 48

Bowling.

O. M. R. W. Cobb... 11 2 25 4; Stalker... 10 2 17 4

University v. Hongkong C.C.

This friendly game ended in a victory for the University by 18 runs. The feature of the game was the large number of "catches." Scores:—

The University. R. A. Ponsbury Vane, c Murray, b Syme Thompson 0; F. A. Redmond, b Pearce 32; G. E. Marley, b Gray 13; K. Brayshaw, c Jacks, b Pearce 18; J. D. Wright, c Evans, b Pearce 10; A. H. Rumjahn, c Mayhew, b Pearce 4; Pearce 4; W. Gittins, c and b Pearce 6; G. Hall, not out 12; J. M. Jack, c Jacks, b Gray 0; D. K. Samy, b Pearce 0; Oheah Toon Lock, b Pearce 4; Extras... 17

Total... 109

Bowling.

O. M. R. W. Syme Thompson... 5 0 12 1; Gray... 12 0 50 2; Pearce... 8 0 31 7

H. K. C. C.

T. E. Pearce, c Wright, b Marley 15; Capt. E. H. Gray, c Redmond, b Brayshaw 12; L. H. E. Murray, b Brayshaw 10; M. M. Mass, run out 7; Major Mayhew, b Brayshaw 1; Lt. J. K. McConnell, b Brayshaw 3

Extras... 3

Total... 53

Bowling.

O. M. R. W. Marley... 14 1 40 5; Gray... 13 3 43 4

Craigengower v. Royal Engineers.

Playing at home on Saturday, Craigengower were badly defeated in a friendly game, mainly due to the good bowling of Cripwell, who took seven wickets for 22 runs. Scores:—

Royal Engineers. McGregor run out 18; Gordon, c Norris, b Grimmest 0; Adams, c Grimmest 11; Reakes, b Graham 31; Lucas, b w. b. Graham 31; Pasco, b Grimmest 6; Cripwell, c and b Grimmest 6; Charters, c Norris, b Grimmest 3; White, c Norris, b Graham 8; Heath, b Graham 3; Townsend not out 3; Extras... 12

Total... 105

Bowling.

O. M. R. W. Graham... 17 1 49 4; Grimmest... 14 1 38 5; Abbas... 3 1 8 0

Craigengower.

R. Bass, c Pasco, b Cripwell 7; J. D. Norris, c Adams, b Cripwell 13; A. W. Grimmest, b Cripwell 0; L. A. Rose, b Reakes 1; M. H. Abbas, b Cripwell 1; J. S. Graham, not out 6; F. Bapp, run out 1; F. G. Thompson, b Cripwell 2; O. Sara, b Cripwell 0; D. K. Kharas, b Reakes 5; S. Jex, b w. b. Cripwell 1; Extras... 11

Total... 47

Bowling.

O. M. R. W. Cripwell... 9 2 14 2; Reakes... 8 5 0 22 7

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders for Infantry Battalion issued by Major H. A. Morgan state:—

Camp.

Parades for Saturday and Sunday, 22nd and 23rd December, 1917.

Parade Lower Camp 5.30 p.m. and march to Shatin, bivouac for the night, 22/23 December, at Shatin and move on to Hongkong on the 23rd December, starting at 9.30 a.m.

The whole of these operations will be under a general and special idea.

The Commandant hopes that as many men as possible (even if they have completed their 8 or 4 days attendance) will attend this final parade. For the convenience of those who are unable to get out to Lower Camp on Saturday, 22nd December, arrangements will be made for the 8.05 a.m. (mail) on 23rd to stop at Shatin.

With reference to the above, in order to make the necessary arrangements for messing and transport, members are requested to report at once to their Platoon Commanders:—

(a) Whether they will proceed to Lower Camp.

(b) Whether they will come out to Shatin by train on Sunday. Platoon Commanders to render a report of approximate numbers under (a) and (b) to the Adjutant at Headquarters before 9.30 a.m. on the 19th December.

Officers will report in writing to the Adjutant whether they will attend under (a) or (b). Those in Camp and who will be present on Saturday will report to the Orderly Sergeant.

Reference Infantry Battalion Orders dated 19.11.17, the train and ferry arrangements for Saturday and Sunday, 22nd and 23rd December, and the baggage arrangements for 22nd December are cancelled.

Parade. No. 8 Platoon (Kowloon Dock Sections 13, 14, and 15 and men of No. 16 Section who have not attended Camp) will parade at Hung Hom Station at 7.30 a.m. on December 23rd for a Field Day.

Dress:—Marching order without greatcoats, waterbottles filled, sandwiches in haversacks. The attendance at this parade is compulsory for all under the age of 45 unless leave off has been obtained from the Platoon Commander. This leave will only be granted under very special circumstances. The Platoon Commander will submit a report of the numbers who will attend by 9.30 a.m. on the 19th instant.

Beachley Dock Scheme. The military authorities have now taken over the work of completing the new Standard Shipyard at Chepstow. Eight new slipways, ranging in length from 500 to 700 feet, are being laid down. Work in connection with the Beachley scheme is being pushed on, and the railway line is practically ready for use. Efforts are to be made to provide billets for 100 men to be released for work at Messrs. Finch's shipyard at Chepstow, and the Central Billposting Board are endeavouring to find accommodation at Monmouth for men engaged on the Beachley Admiralty Dock works.

The Ladies' Tennis Shield. The third annual match for the Ladies' Tennis Shield was played at the Ladies' Recreation Club on Saturday on a rather heavy damp ground with the following result:—

Peak Club. Mrs. Athol Anderson and Miss Ventris lost to Mrs. Sandeman and Mrs. Beckwith 4/6; Beat Mrs. Draper and Miss Robinson 6/4; Beat Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Nesbit 6/5; Beat Mrs. Kent and Mrs. Soeters 6/3; Soeters 6/3; Mrs. Hancock and Miss Wilkinson beat Mrs. Sandeman and Mrs. Beckwith 6/3; Lost to Mrs. Draper and Miss Robinson 2/6; Lost to Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Nesbit 5/8; Beat Mrs. Kent and Mrs. Soeters 6/4

Totals... 41/37

Ladies' Recreation Club. Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Nesbit beat Mrs. Sandeman and Mrs. Beckwith 6/1; Beat Mrs. Draper and Miss Robinson 6/2; Beat Mrs. Hancock and Miss Wilkinson 6/5; Lost to Mrs. Anderson and Miss Ventris 5/6; Mrs. Kent and Mrs. Soeters lost to Mrs. Sandeman and Mrs. Beckwith 1/6; Lost to Mrs. Draper and Miss Robinson 5/6; Lost to Mrs. Hancock and Miss Wilkinson 4/6; Lost to Mrs. Anderson and Miss Ventris 3/6

Totals... 36/38

United Services R.C. Mrs. Sandeman and Mrs. Beckwith lost to Mrs. Hancock and Miss Wilkinson 3/6; Beat Mrs. Anderson and Miss Ventris 6/4; Lost to Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Nesbit 1/6; Beat Mrs. Kent and Mrs. Soeters 6/1; Soeters 6/1; Mrs. Hancock and Miss Wilkinson beat Mrs. Sandeman and Mrs. Beckwith 6/2; Lost to Mrs. Anderson and Miss Ventris 4/6

Totals... 34/37

The Peak Club is the winner for the first time, the winner of the two previous years having been the Ladies' Recreation Club.

Ladies' Championship. The following are results in the Ladies' Championship singles:—

Mrs. Kent, L.R.C., beat Mrs. Lindell, U.S.R.C.

Mrs. Bell, L.R.C., beat Miss Mitchell, Tai Koo.

Miss Wilkinson, L.R.C., beat Mrs. Beckwith, U.S.R.C.

Mrs. Digby, L.R.C., beat Miss Ahlong, O.R.C.

The semi-finalists, who all belong to the Ladies' Recreation Club, meet as follows:—

Mrs. Kent v. Mrs. Bell to-day, 17th inst.

Miss Wilkinson v. Mrs. Digby, Wednesday, 19th inst.

His Excellency's Return. His Excellency the Governor (Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G.) returned to the Colony this morning, being accompanied by Mr. H. J. Gedge.

THE UNIVERSITY BAZAAR.

A Useful Sum for the Tientsin Flood Relief Fund.

The students of the University have by their recent efforts raised a sum of more than \$9,000 on behalf of the sufferers in North China. There are various expenses to be met, but it is hoped to be able to send nearly \$9,000 to the committed organising the relief work.

The students wish to thank all of those who are not members of the University and who assisted in the concert, dramatic performances, or who presented donations in money or goods for this cause. It is impossible to name all the many people who so readily responded to the appeal, but the following are among the principal donors:—

Subscribers:—St. Stephen's Girls' School (\$208), Mrs. Cheung Fat Sze (\$200), Sir Charles Eliot and Mr. Chan Pak Chun (each \$100), Messrs. Harshia & Co. (\$51), Hon. Mr. Lan Chu Pak, Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Wing, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kwong, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. H. Nemesee, Mr. Chan Kai Ming, Mr. Leung Yan Po, Mr. Lai Kwai Pui and Prof. J. D. Wright (each \$50); Mrs. N. J. Stabb and Mrs. H. E. Pollock (each \$30); Mr. Chan Kung Ya, Mr. Chin U Tin, Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland (each \$25); Messrs. Lo and Lo, Mr. Li Po Kwai and Mrs. Ho Fook (each \$20).

Donors of goods for the Bazaar:—Chinese Ladies Work Party, Canton Nan-yang Brothers Tobacco Co., Mr. Li Po Kwai, Mrs. Ho Kwong, Mr. Leung Yan Po, Mr. and Mrs. Tsoi Cheong, Mr. Kwan Wai Kwan, Mr. Lai Hsi Chi, the Sun Co. Ltd., the Wing On Co. Ltd., St. Paul's Girls' College, the Kwong Sang Hong Ltd., Dr. Ms Luk, Mr. Tee Chuen Sing, Tso Tak Tong, Wing Ma Tea Firm, Bon Ton, Italian Convent, St. Stephen's Girls' College, the Bellisio Girls' School, the British American Tobacco Co., Ah Fong, the Edward Dispensary, Shing Tak Tong, the Chen Kwong Co. Ltd., the Sincere Co. Ltd., and Mr. Leung Kwok Ying.

Donors of Refreshments:—The Hongkong Hotel, Cafe Wiseman, the Alexandra Cafe, Messrs. A. E. Watson and Co. Ltd., the Dairy Farm Co. Ltd., the Hongkong Bakery, the Stag Hotel, the British American Candy Store, Messrs. Lane Crawford Co. Ltd., Messrs. Hip Wo Cheong Kee, Messrs. Ching Loong, Messrs. Shin Kee, the Wing On Co. Ltd., the Great Eastern Hotel, the Grasso-Egyptian Store, and the Hongkong and China Gas Co. Ltd.

It is especially desired to thank all the ladies and gentlemen who assisted at the stalls, side-shows, and entertainments. It is desired also to thank the Bands of the Hongkong Police Reserve and the Saiyungpan School, also the St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

The students also express their thanks to the following who assisted in the printing, decorations and dramatic performances:—Messrs. Noronha & Co., printers to the University; the Confucian Association, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, the Tung Wah Hospital, Mr. Tee Chuen Sing, the Ching Ping Lok Amateur Dramatic Association, and the Queen's College Amateur Dramatic Association.

Raffles. The following are the lucky numbers in the recent University Bazaar raffles:—

Grand Raffle.—1st, 593; 2nd, 867; 3rd, 746; 4th, 611; 5th, 116; 6th, 865; 7th, 923; 8th, 105; 9th, 314; 10th, 894.

50 cents Raffle.—1st, 177; 2nd, 193; 3rd, 13.

Doll Raffle.—1st, 8.

Tea Set Raffle.—1st, 205; 2nd, 24; 3rd, 255.

Steam Engine Raffle.—1st, 3 (The winner subsequently presented this prize to the Engineering Department of the University).

Gramophone Raffle.—1st, 177; 2nd, 219; 3rd, 120.

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YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S ROUSING SPEECH.

London, December 14.
Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at a dinner to the Heads of the Air Service at Gray's Inn, after emphasising the importance of the operations of the Air Service as a determining factor in the war, referred to Lord Lansdowne's letter and said he now understood that Lord Lansdowne had not intended in the least to convey the meaning his words might reasonably bear, and only intended to say exactly the same thing as President Wilson had said in a recent speech. The whole of the British nation fully agreed with that speech and he therefore concluded that the interpretation placed upon Lord Lansdowne's letter by the Allies and by our enemies in no way represented what Lord Lansdowne intended.

Mr. Lloyd George next referred to the very active minority of people who thought mistakenly that they had found a leader in Lord Lansdowne. The danger was not the extreme pacifist. "I warned the Nation to watch the man who thinks there is a half-way house between victory and defeat. No such house exists. These are the men who think you can end the war now by some sort of what they call 'peace by setting up a league of nations,' with attendant conditions. That is the right policy after victory but without victory it would be a farce."

To end the war we entered upon in order to enforce a Treaty, without reparation for the infringement of that Treaty which was treated as a scrap of paper, merely by entering into a new and a more sweeping and more comprehensive Treaty, would be a farce in the setting of a tragedy. We must take care not to be misled by mere words—league of nations, disarmament, arbitration, security—they are all great and blessed phrases but without the vitalising force of victory they are nothing but words. You cannot wage war or secure peace or civil order for long with words. There is nothing so fatal to character as half-finished tasks.

After referring in burning terms to the attitude of men who opposed the war from the start, Mr. Lloyd George said it was a mean attitude but it was, at least, a definite and clear line of action, but he could not comprehend the man who was seized with indignation at German outrages and helped to commit the Nation to a career of honour and now, before the task was nearly accomplished, wished to shake hands with the malefactor and trade with him to mutual advantage. The enemy was simply being invited to enter into a bargain to join with you in pushing the head of the next man who dared to imitate his villainies. The enemy desired such peace terms. It was idle to talk of security being won by such feeble means.

Let there be no doubt regarding the alternatives with which we are confronted. One is to make easy terms with a triumphant outlaw, which means abasing ourselves before lawlessness. It means ultimately a world intimidated by successful bandits. The other is to go through with the task, vindicating justice so as to establish a righteous and everlasting peace for ourselves and our children. No nation with any regard for self-respect and honour can hesitate a moment in its choice.

Intensely as he realised that victory was an essential condition of a free world, there would not merely be no object in prolonging war but it would be infamous to do so if they thought things would get no better the longer they fought. It was because he was firmly convinced that despite some untoward events and discouraging appearances we were making steady progress towards our goal of 1914 that he would regard peace overtures at present as a betrayal of the great trust wherewith he and his colleagues were charged. Much of progress we are making might not be visible except to those whose business it is to search out the facts.

The deadly grip of the British Navy was having its effect and the value of our troops was making an impression which in the end would tell. We were laying purely the foundation of a bridge which, when complete, would carry us into a new world. The river for the moment is in spite, some of the scaffolding has been carried away, much of the progress we made seems submerged and hidden, and some men say "Let us abandon the enterprise altogether, it is too costly; it is impracticable of achievement. Let us rather build a pontoon bridge of new treaties, a League of Nations and understandings." It might last some time, but it would always be shaky and uncertain. It would not bear much strain and would not carry heavy traffic. The first flood would sweep it away. Let us get along with the pile driving and make a real, solid, permanent structure.

Mr. Lloyd George warned the people against undue elation over victories and despondency over setbacks. They were the same persons in both cases. This was not the most propitious hour. Russia's threatened retirement would strengthen Hohenzollernism and weaken the forces of democracy, but the action would not lead to universal peace. It would simply prolong the world's agony. The withdrawal of over one-third of the enemy strength from the Eastern front, owing to Russia's intention, meant the release of hundred thousands of troops and masses of material to attack Great Britain, France, and Italy. It was a serious addition to our task, which was already formidable enough. It would be folly to under-rate the danger and equally foolish to exaggerate it, but the greatest folly of all would be for them not to face it.

The most momentous fact of the year had been the entry of the American Democracy into the struggle against Military Autocracy it transposed the whole situation. Britain, with only a third of the population of Russia, had been for the last two years a

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more formidable military obstacle than Russia to Germany, but there was no more powerful country in the world than America, who was stepping into Russia's place. She was not yet prepared, but would soon be, hence the Austro-German desperate efforts to force an issue before she was ready. They won't succeed, but the collapse of Russia and the temporary defeat of Italy undoubtedly cast upon us a heavier share of the burden pending America's readiness.

We must therefore be prepared for greater efforts and sacrifices. It is not a time to cower and falter but to place our feet firmer than ever on the ground, and square our shoulders to bear the increased weight. Britain's will was as tempered steel; there was no sign of break therein, and, although pressure might end would increase, he never doubted it would bear it all right to the end. We should have to call upon the nation for further sacrifices, but should only do so because it was absolutely necessary. Now there must be a further drain upon the man-power in order to sustain, until the American Army arrives, the additional burden. We must have enough men to defend the lines held for three years, and defend them against all comers, from any enemy front, and must also have an army to manoeuvre, and which would enable us to appear with least delay at any point in emergency in any part of the colossal battlefield. There was no ground for panic. Even after sending troops to Italy's assistance the Allies have marked numerical superiority in France and Flanders, and we have considerable reserves at home. Much greater progress has been made in man power, especially during the last few months than is realised, but it would be necessary to increase the trained reserves in order to face the new contingencies without anxiety. The Cabinet was prepared with recommendations not only for raising more men, but also for conducting a searching investigation into the best methods of husbanding the existing man power so as to reduce the terrible wastage of the war. Provision of men for armies is not the most urgent part of the problem. Men were especially needed in Great Britain to help solve the tonnage problems. The victory was now a question of tonnage and tonnage was victory. Nothing else could defeat us now, but a shortage of tonnage. The advent of the United States into the war had enormously increased the demand. Germany had gambled on America's failure to transport colossal numbers of men and aeroplanes to Europe. The Prussian War Lords had promised their own people and their Allies that there formidable masses would never find their way into the battle-line. Mr. Lloyd George foreshadowed a further drawing of men from unessential war trades and occupations in order to increase the shipbuilding requirements. He urged further saving of tonnage not only in economising consumption, but home production. This year we had increased the home food production by two to three million tons and we had been the only belligerents who had increased the food output during the war. It was essential that we save another three million tons of food imports in 1918. He appealed to agriculturists to fall in with the plans accordingly. The Government would do its best in finding provision, labour and machinery, and the nation could help another way, namely, by discouraging growers. Grousing undermined morale and the national morale was vital in a question of holding out. Peace propaganda was fed with grumblers. Let us beware of playing these propagandists games.

We had challenged a sinister Power, which is menacing the world with enslavement, and it would have been better if we had never issued the challenge unless we meant to carry it through. A challenged Power, which was not overthrown, always became stronger for the challenge. People who think they can begin a new era, while Prussian military peace and power remained unbroken were labouring under a strange delusion—(Lord Ocheers).

With the exception of the *Daily News*, which regrets that the Premier failed to state a policy allied with gravity and definiteness demanded by the occasion, the newspapers acclaim Mr. Lloyd George's speech.

The *Daily Telegraph* says it is an utterance for which all must be grateful who appreciate the meaning of a "just war." What Mr. Lloyd George says is well within the country's powers, and he can reckon upon the country's reply.

The *Daily Graphic* says that Mr. Lloyd George has never spoken to better purpose, and the nation will ungrudgingly and enthusiastically give its support.

The *Morning Post* says that Mr. Lloyd George resoled the true and authentic note in British statesmanship in appealing to the spirit of old England.

The *Daily Chronicle* says the speech had the unusual quality of restrained, dispassionate, firmness, and was decidedly appropriate to the present crisis. The emphasis on tonnage and food suggests that the Prime Minister does not intend to put everybody indiscriminately into khaki.

The *Times* says that the chief merit of the speech is the clearness and directness with which it keeps things that really matter before the people. Cunning and insidious efforts have been made to confuse their judgment and shake their faith. The Premier waits the poison gas aside and bids them fix their eyes on the stars which had guided them and their fathers through history.

The *Daily Mail* says the speech was such as British people in times like these deserve to expect from leaders. It had courage and faith, and flung a challenge full in the face of all doubters and waverers. We must either close the ranks now and fix our eyes on the central purposes for which we are fighting or history will say that at a supreme moment we faltered and broke down; and that is unthinkable.

HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

S.—SELLERS; SA.—SALES;
B.—BUYERS; N.—NOMINAL.

OFFICIAL PRICES.

BANKS.	
H. K. & S. Banks n.	\$600
MARINE INSURANCES.	
Cantons n.	\$300
North China b.	1.115
Unions b.	\$735
Yangszees n. ex 78	\$2.5
FIRE INSURANCES.	
China Fires b.	\$122 1/2
H. K. Fires n.	\$310
SHIPPING.	
Douglases s.	\$77
Steamboats s.	\$18
Indos (Def.) sa.	\$148 1/2 & 149
Indos (Pref.) b.	\$33 1/2
Shells b.	112 1/2
Ferries n.	\$28 1/2
REFINERIES.	
Sugars b.	\$91
Malabons sa.	\$35
MINING.	
Kailans s.	40 1/2
Langkats n.	1.15
Raubas n.	\$2.50
Tronohs n.	26 1/2
Urals n.	30 1/2
Oriental Cons. n.	28 1/2
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, & C.	
H. K. Wharves sa.	\$93
Kowloon Docks b.	\$123
Shai Docks b.	1.73
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.	
Centrals b.	\$90
H. K. Hotels b.	\$90
Land Invest. b.	\$20
H. K. Est. b.	\$53 1/2
K'loon Lands b.	\$30
Shai Lands b.	1.70
West Points n.	\$81
Reclamations n.	\$115
COTTON MILLS.	
Ewos n.	1.175
Kung Yiks n.	1.150
Shai Cottons s.	1.120
Yangszepons n.	1.680
Oriental s.	1.40
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Borneos b.	\$6 1/2
China Light & P. b.	\$3.5
Providents b.	\$7.50
Dairy Farms b.	\$26
Green Islands s.	\$7 1/2
H. K. Electric b.	\$48
H. K. Ice Co. n.	\$29 1/2
Ropes s.	\$10
Steel Foundries n.	\$5.50
Trams, Low Level s.	\$83
Trams, Peak, old s.	\$83
Trams, Peak, new s.	cts. 90
Laundries b.	\$3
U. Waterboats b.	\$12
Watsons s.	\$5.60
Wm. Powells s.	\$5.60
Morning Posts n.	\$29

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4 m/s	3/1 1/2
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	126 1/2
T/T Japan	137 1/2
T/T India	Nom.
Demand, India	Nom.
T/T San Francisco	71
co & New York	71
T/T Java	163 1/2
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T France	4.09
Demand, Paris	4.11 1/2
BUYING.	
4 m/s L/C	3/1
4 m/s D/F	3/1 1/2
6 m/s L/C	3/1 1/2
30 d/s Sydney & Melbourne	3/1 1/2
30 d/s San Francisco & New York	72 1/2
4 m/s Mark	Nom.
4 m/s France	4.24
4 m/s Paris	4.29
Demand, Germany	Nom.
Demand, New York	7.34
T/T Bombay	Nom.
Demand, Bombay	Nom.
T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Manila	142
Demand, Singapore	126 1/2
On Singapore	174 1/2 prem.
On Saigon	174 1/2 prem.
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TIME TABLE.

UP HILL	DOWN HILL	EVERY 15 MIN.
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5.45 P.M.	5.45 P.M.	5.45
6.00 P.M.	6.00 P.M.	6.00

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WHY GERMANY ATTACKS.

An Interesting American Comment.

October, when the fighting usually begins to slow down before the advance of winter, sees nearly all the fronts burst simultaneously into flame, sees the widest ring of fire of the year, says the *New York Times*. What was sporadic in Flanders throughout most of 1917 becomes constant; in France the greatest advance of 1917 begins, and at the same time the Germans carry on their campaign in Russia and make their desperate assault in Austria. This has been a year of disjointed fighting, and now as it is closing the fighting suddenly links up and blazes forth on a scale unprecedented since the Russian revolution threw the war into chaos. Only in Macedonia and Mesopotamia is there no great onslaught.

It is evident that the French and British mean to keep on fighting in the winter this time. This advance of Petain's is the fiercest attack yet made, and does not rest with the statement of the nearest distance objective. The German line is shaking, and there is no chance to stiffen it in the west. There is no salvation there. The only hope is to beat down or frighten off one of the allies of France and Britain if that could be done, then the mauling of all the German forces on the west might avail to bring to a halt this otherwise irresistible advance.

To this end all Germany's real efforts have been directed for months. Her peace forces have none of them been intended to bring about a peace of compromise, only to create a backfire in enemy countries by increasing the number of the weak-kneed and disaffected. The peace manoeuvres were every one of them military moves, and the Lenin and Hilquit in the different countries were the military, not the civil, hope of Germany.

And now the time has come when, according to Germany's belief, she has created enough of a backfire in two of the allied countries to warrant an attack. So she attacks, almost simultaneously, Russia and Italy. Italy is short of food; her present need, and a crying one, is for no less than 3,000,000 tons of wheat, and she is short of coal. She has just begun in earnest to ration her people. Germany has worked up these various elements of discontent until now she feels that a single defeat of the Italian army would bring the smoulder to a flame. She attacks accordingly, and immediately the Boselli Ministry falls.

Russia she also attacks having carefully calculated the time when her incursions on the pacifist sentiment there would be great enough to assure her of assistance from within. The fact, perhaps, pacifist but not yet corrupted into treason, fights well; the army does what Germany expected of it. It is a shocking story of brave comrades into the enemy's hands. It was on such things that Germany counted when she made her long parade of pretended peace offers, and in Russia she counted accurately. Here in the United States, in England, and in France she counted without the host. And Italy? There is every reason to believe that the host was missing there, too, and that the count is wrong; but it was on the belief that the reckoning was correct that Germany made her attack on the French.

Chinese Administrative Changes.—In order to devote all his time to the Cabinet, General Wang Shih-chun, the Acting Premier, will resign from the post of Minister of War. General Tsun Obiwei, the Commander-in-Chief of the Provisional Troops of the Metropolitan Area, will be appointed his successor. A mandate to this effect will be issued very shortly, says the *Peking Daily News* of December 7.

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The Parcel Post Service to British East Africa and Egypt (except for members of the Expeditionary Force), and to Abyssinia, Bagdad, Eritrea, French Somali Coast, Italian Somaliland, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia have been suspended.

On and after the 1st October, 1917, the rate of postage on letters from Hongkong to Fathun, Chao Chau, and Whampoa will be 4 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Siberia and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Uninsured parcels for the United Kingdom will in future be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the Public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.

Letters franked at the 4 cent rate addressed to Yunnan and Mengtze and other places in the Province of Yunnan should be superscribed with the words "For delivery by the Chinese Post Office."

Parcels for Greece cannot be accepted for transmission unless accompanied by a special permit issued by the British Minister at Athens.

Arrangements have been made for the transmission of parcels to the United Kingdom via Canada.

The rates of postage are as follows:—
Parcel not over 5 lbs. ... 90 cents.
Do. 7 lbs. ... 110 " "
Do. 11 lbs. ... 270 "

No insurance can be effected on parcels sent by this route.

IMPORT PROHIBITIONS.

The public are informed that the undesignated articles are prohibited from importation into the United Kingdom, either by letter post or by parcel post.

Gold manufactured or unmanufactured including gold coin and articles consisting partly of or containing gold; All manufactures of silver other than silver watches and silver watch cases; Jewellery of any description.

Letters and parcels containing such articles cannot therefore be accepted for transmission by the Post Office.

The Parcel Post service to Aden (except in respect of parcels for military and naval addresses) has been suspended.

FRENCH PARCEL REGULATIONS.

The Public are informed that the new regulations adopted by the French Customs insist that senders of parcels addressed to France, Corsica and Algeria must fill in the columns of the regular Customs Declaration particularly and exactly, omitting none of the headings comprised therein.

It is furthermore absolutely necessary to give in the aforesaid declaration (1) The full name and address of the addressee (2) A statement as to whether the contents are intended for State supplies or not.

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS OUTWARD.

Tai O.—Week days, 5 p.m.
Tai Po.—Week days, 10 a.m.; Sundays, 9.30 a.m.
Cheung Chow.—Week days, 7.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Shan Chow, Shatin and Sheungshui.—Week days, 4 p.m.
Aberdeen, Au Tau, Ping Shan, Sai Kung, San Tin and Stanley.—Week days, 4.30 p.m.
Canton, Samshui, and Wanchow.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; Registration 5 p.m.; Letters 6 p.m.; Sundays, 9 p.m.
Macao.—Week days, 7.15 a.m., 1.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.
Kowloon.—Week days, 6 p.m. Except Saturdays; Sundays, 5 p.m.
Santo and Samoi.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.
Shanchun.—Week days, 10 a.m., 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.

FROM SHEUNGWAN WESTERN BRANCH P.O.

Macao.—Week days, 7.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9.30 a.m.; Holidays, 7.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m.
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Tai Ping Tung.—Week days, 9.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 9.30 p.m.
Shak K.—Week days, 9.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 9.30 p.m.
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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

Telegraphic advice from the San Francisco Office of the China Mail S.S. Co. shows that the s.s. CHINA arrived at this port on Wednesday, December 12, 1917.

WEATHER REPORT.

December 17th 11th 15th.—No returns from Japan and Indo-China. The anticyclone continues to weaken, and slight to moderate decreases of pressure have occurred at the majority of stations reporting.

Moderate to fresh monsoon will prevail along the China Coast, and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st 51.45 inches against an average of 48.55 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

1. Hongkong to Gap Rock. N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fair.

2. Formosa Channel. N. winds, fresh.

3. South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook. The same as No. 1.

4. South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

December 17, a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. Temperature. Humidity. Wind. Force. Weather.

Vostock 6a 29.32 11 40 3 4

Nemuro 5a 30.01 33 0 0

Hakodate 5a 30.01 33 0 0

Kobe 5a 30.01 33 0 0

Koshi 5a 30.01 33 0 0

Nagasaki 5a 30.01 33 0 0

Yokohama 5a 30.01 33 0 0

Naha 5a 30.01 33 0 0

Idzumi 5a 30.01 33 0 0

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ENTERTAINMENTS.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

Tuesday, 18th Dec., 1917.

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WEDNESDAY, 19th THURSDAY, 20th

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RESERVED STALLS \$2.00 D.C. \$1.00

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

Petrograd, December 15.

The Bolshevik Telegraph Agency says that Raskin, Nakhichevan and Taganrog are in the hands of Revolutionary troops and that General Kaledin, Pototsky and their staff have been arrested. General Kaledin asked the Mayor of Rostoff to come to Novolokhosh to discuss the suspension of military operations.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says that the accounts from the south are so scrappy, vague, and contradictory that it is impossible to form a clear idea of the result of General Kaledin's Cosack rising. The Bolsheviks now state that General Kaledin, Lakomsky, Deniken, and Alexieff and M. Rodzianko, the President of the Duma, are in Novolokhosh with sixteen thousand infantry. The reports regarding the situation at Rostoff are wholly contradictory.

THE ALLIES ECONOMIC POWER.

London, December 15.

Mr. Runciman, ex-president of the Board of Trade, speaking at Preston, said that when we made peace with Germany we would have to bring home to her that the Allies controlled the principal raw materials of the world. America could shut off cotton, and Germany could obtain only a little from Asia Minor. We could deprive her of three fourths of the hides required for leather purposes and practically all the rubber which was now an essential part of nearly every manufacture. We are now doing all this by means of the blockade, which was tightening and becoming more effective month by month, with inevitable results to German staple industries. Mr. Runciman declared that it would be part of our policy, as declared by the Americans, to enforce the maintenance of peace by control of raw materials. He deprecated the use of trade for political ends, but the maintenance of peace was worth every effort. Many accepted Mr. Wilson's plea for a "League of Nations," and they could comfort themselves with the thought that power to enforce such a league's decisions was within economic limits, and lay mainly with the Allies.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

London, December 15.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We regained a considerable part of the trench which the enemy penetrated yesterday morning, in the neighbourhood of Polderhoek Chateau. Hostile artillery is active to the east of Messines and north-east of Ypres.

Sir Douglas Haig further reports:—There has been local fighting to the south-east of Polygon Wood, where before dawn the enemy attacked our positions in the neighbourhood of Polderhoek Chateau. We repulsed the enemy, except at one point, where he entered a front trench on a front of about three hundred yards. Hostile artillery was very active in the afternoon east of Bellecourt, and there has been considerable reciprocal artillery firing between the Scarpe Valley and Gavrelle.

AN EXTRAORDINARY ACCIDENT.

London, December 15.

The Albert Gold Medal has been awarded Seaman Rath and the ordinary Albert Silver Medal to Seaman Knoulton and Abbott. A seaplane, while carrying out exercises, emerged from a cloud at high speed and struck the mast of a wireless station; the seaplane's engine was wedged in the lattice girders and the body of the aeroplane was sticking out at right angles. The pilot flung upon the plane was unconscious 300 feet above ground. The three sailors climbed up inside the lattice girders in eight minutes. Rath crawled out to the plane and held the pilot, who was groaning and semi-delirious until Knoulton and Abbott passed out a rope by which the pilot was lowered to the ground. The gallantry of the seamen was accentuated by the fact that the mast was badly damaged. The wind caused the mast and the aeroplane to sway, threatening a crash to the earth every moment.

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, December 15.

Messrs. Montagu's report states that the fall in the price of silver is due to a slight slackening in the demand from Shanghai, whose exchange is firm. Yesterday's official rate of 4/3 is the highest in recent years, and approximate the point at which silver may be profitably shipped from San Francisco, but a United States Government license would be necessary. Pending definite details of projected purchases by the British and American Governments, the market is somewhat inert. The Indian silver holding has decreased by 163 lakhs and gold increased by 62.

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